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## **MARTLESHAM IS NOW READ WORLDWIDE**

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## **POLICE**

Community Police Officer  
PC Ian Rafferty

**In case of emergencies please always call 999.** In non-emergency situations call the main switchboard on 01473 613500; you can also contact PC Rafferty on the following numbers for non-urgent matters: Office—01473 383487  
E-mail—[ian.rafferty@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ian.rafferty@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

### **Police Surgeries**

This is your opportunity to have an informal chat with your local policeman at the following dates and times (all surgeries will be held in **Martlesham Heath Pavilion**):  
**Mondays 12:30-2:00 pm**  
21st November, 19th December  
**Thursdays 4:45-5:45 pm**  
3rd November, 1st December

## **COMMUNITY RESPONDERS**

Martlesham Community Responders provide a first response to most 999 calls received by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and

Brightwell.

We are a group of volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

For further details, contact Andy Oxborrow 01473 620432 (E-mail [Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk](mailto:Andy.Oxborrow@suffolk.sja.org.uk))

## **NTL**

Martlesham Monthly have now made contact with a representative of NTL who knows we exist and have a cable system. He is taking action with his superiors on the subject of the cable system here on the Heath.

A local resident gave us this contact, and it seems to be paying off. We hope to bring you more news next month.

As for now, when you need to report a fault dial 0800 0522 0000 and when the phone is answered say that you "are reporting a fault on the cable system at Martlesham Heath which belongs to NTL and is an ex BT Network".

Best of luck!!!!!!

## **MARTLESHAM MONTHLY**

Martlesham Monthly are pleased to tell you that we have hired a garage in the Village for Community storage. This is available to all groups and organisations for storage of small equipment. There will be no charge for this service.

Please contact Paul Firman 01473 622874.

## **MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Budget for 2006/07**

The council will be considering its budget for the next financial year (which starts in April 2006), over the next few months. Information gathered from the parish plan questionnaire will be used in helping to determine priorities.

If you have any comments or suggestions on these priorities you are welcome to contact the council (details below) or better still; come along to one of the parish plan presentation events to be held during November. Full details can be found in a separate article,

however the dates and locations are as follows:

\* Monday 21st November—St Michaels Church Centre, The Drift 9 am—8:30 pm

\* Wednesday 23rd November—Martlesham Parish Room, Felixstowe Road 9 am—3 pm

\* Thursday 24th November – Martlesham Village Hall, Top Street 9 am—3 pm

\* Friday 25th November – Christian Fellowship Centre, Black Tiles Lane 9 am—8:30 pm

\* Saturday 26th November – Martlesham Parish Room, Felixstowe Road 9 am—12 noon

#### **Forthcoming meetings**

\* Parish Council – Wednesday 2nd November and 7th December

\* Development Plans Committee – Wednesday 9th November

\* Recreation & Amenities Committee – Wednesday 16th November

\* Finance & General Purposes Committee - Wednesday 23rd November

All meetings are 7:30 pm in the Parish Room, Felixstowe Road and are open to the public, who are welcome to ask questions or make comments to the council during the adjournment.

#### **Contacting the Council**

In writing to the Mrs L Lodge, Clerk to the Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

Telephone or fax 01473 612632.  
e-mail: [martleshampc@btclick.com](mailto:martleshampc@btclick.com)

#### **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM**

Come and enjoy:-

#### **MARTLESHAM IN BLOOM'S "CHRISTMAS CRACKER EVENING"**

**Monday 5th December 7:30 pm  
St Michael's Church Centre**

Including games, music, raffle,  
mince pies and light refreshments.  
All welcome. Admission free.

#### **Garden Competition Results**

Following our presentation evening on 27th September the results of our competitions are:-

##### **(A) Most Attractive Front Garden**

**Gold** - David J Ransby (Winner of

Meadhome Cup), Mr & Mrs G Waugh and Mike Turner.

**Silver** - William A Bell, Mrs J Clark, P G Couch, Derrick K Dawdrey, R Osborne and R J Pawsey.

**Bronze** - Mr I Branch, Carol Day, J Donkin, Gloria Duckett, Cheryl Gosden & Neville Cobb, I Knowles, Gordon Levett, M A Morphy, Miss J Stormer and Mrs J Thomas.

**Best New Entry** - R J Pawsey, 15 Parkers Place.

##### **(B) Most Colourful Hanging Basket(s) and/or Containers in the Front Garden**

**Gold** - David J Ransby (Winner of the Windmill's Florist Cup), Mrs J Clark, P G Couch, N R Drillot, Mr R Osborne and Mr & Mrs G Waugh.

**Silver** - Mr I Branch, Mr Derrick K Dawdry, Carol Day, J Donkin, Gordon Levett, M A Morphy, Kathleen Page, R J Pawsey, Mrs J Thomas, Violet White.

**Bronze** - Barbara Bascombe, Gloria Duckett, Miss Stormer and Norma Jessop.

**Best New Entry** - Carol Day, 22 Viking Heights.

##### **(C) Best Use of Permanent Planting in Front Garden**

**Gold** - Mike Turner (Winner of the Martlesham In Bloom Cup), Margaret Dunlop, Mrs D Faraher and David Markes.

**Silver** - Mr I Branch, Mrs J Clark, Anthony Goody, Cheryl Gosden & Neville Cobb, Norma Jessop, E Pearce, David Ransby, Mr & Mrs G Waugh.

**Bronze** - Gordon Levett, M A Morphy and Miss Stormer.

**Best New Entry** - Margaret Dunlop, 16 Nunn Close.

##### **(D) Best Summer Floral or Planting Display at a Commercial or Business Premises**

**Gold** - The Red Lion (Winner of the Garden Scene Cup), Golf Galore and The Black Tiles.

**Silver** - The Douglas Bader, Barker Gotelee, The Post Office Stores and Rhymes Nursery.

**Bronze** - Bathroom Design Studio, Berman International, 2Cs, Crown Point Fish & Chip Shop and Suffolk Foods.

**Most Improved Entry** (amongst competitions A, B, C or D) - Mr I Branch, 12 Felixstowe Road.

##### **(E) Best Kept Road, Place, Close, Square, Lane or Street et al in the Parish of Martlesham**

**Winner** - Crane Close

**Runner Up** - Parkers Place

Congratulations to all entrants for producing such attractive and interesting gardens and displays.

##### **Anglia in Bloom**

The Anglia in Bloom Awards Ceremony was held in Norwich on 22nd September and:- Martlesham won a Silver Award, The Portal Avenue Woodlands were a finalist for the Best Conservation Project in Anglia in Bloom and The Martlesham Millennium Drought Garden won the trophy for the Best Drought Garden in Anglia in Bloom.

We are very pleased with the results which reflect well on the work and support of many people and groups; we are planning to enter Martlesham into the 2006 Anglia in Bloom competition.

If you would like information on the above or any Martlesham in Bloom activity please contact:- J. Maureen Burrows (Secretary), 17 Squires Lane, Martlesham Heath, tel: 01473 625196.

#### **MARTLESHAM CONSULTANTS LIMITED**

The financial year for MCL runs from 1st July to 30th June, while the Annual Maintenance Charge is payable each year on 1st November.

At this year's AGM it was resolved that the rate for this charge should be £15 per dwelling.

Please make your payment as soon as possible. Payment may be made by post to the Company Office at the address below. Alternatively, payments may be handed in at The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath on Saturday 29th October between 2 pm and 4 pm or Saturday 5th November between 10 am and 12 noon.

6 The Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SL

tel: 01473 612207

e-mail : [mcl.mh@btinternet.com](mailto:mcl.mh@btinternet.com)

#### **MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY HALL**

To contact Martlesham Community Hall or Richards Room for details of

booking them, or any other reason, please use any of the following methods:

- phone and leave a message on the answer phone. The number is 01473 623203.

- e-mail [martleshamcommunityhall@btinternet.com](mailto:martleshamcommunityhall@btinternet.com)

- send post to Martlesham Community Hall Management Committee, Martlesham Community Hall, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge, IP12 4PB.

(Martlesham Community Hall is a registered charity - no. 1009602)

### **HARRY HIGGINS PLAY AREA**

The wooden fencing surrounding the play area is going to be replaced some time in November. While this is taking place, parents and carers are asked to ensure the safety of children while the old fence is being removed and the new steel railings are installed.

Come and view the results so far. **YOUR CHANCE** to comment and give suggestions for the **FINAL ACTION PLAN.**

### **PARISH PLAN EXHIBITION**

St Michael's Church Centre,  
Martlesham Heath

**Monday 21st November,  
9 am - 8:30 pm**

Martlesham Village Hall, Top  
Street

**Thursday 24th November,  
9 am - 3 pm**

Christian Fellowship, Black Tiles  
Lane

**Friday 25th November,  
9 am - 8:30 pm**

Parish Room, Felixstowe Road  
**Saturday 26th November,  
9 am - 12 noon**

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Further information: Joyce Beale  
01394 387496 & Burrows 01473  
625196

### **MARTLESHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

"Six of the Best" was the title of the demonstration for our October

meeting by Mrs Harold from Norwich. Thirty-nine members and five visitors enjoyed a very entertaining afternoon, gaining some useful tips, as well as appreciating the six lovely arrangements. Mrs Harold used garden flowers as well the more exotic florist flowers, including lots of foliage from her own garden. The colours ranged from a delicate pink and white arrangement in a cornucopia, a blue and yellow design in blue glass bowls, bright orange roses and gerberas, purple liatris and cream carnations, complimented by Singapore orchids.

It was a very colourful afternoon. A vote of thanks was given by Margaret Forbes. The competition "Take Six Flowers" was won by Ruth Mellen, with Norma Jessup winning the novice class.

The November meeting will be a workshop when Mrs Hewson from Attleburgh will be teaching us how to make a Christmas ring.

There is no meeting in December.

The club meets at St Michaels Church Centre, Martlesham Heath on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The annual sub is £10 with visitors welcome at £2 per session. There is a plant and flower arrangers stall at each meeting.

Ruth Mellen 01473 674401

### **MARTLESHAM W.I.**

Several of our members attended the Group Meeting hosted by Martlesham Heath W.I. on Tuesday 20th October. They especially enjoyed a delightful display of table top antiques brought along by the speaker Mrs Sheila Bullard. Most of the items on show were self-explanatory but many of them kept members guessing as to their age and usage.

The competition, a floral display illustrating a jewel, was won by Martlesham. Their entry was arranged by Margaret Forbes who had chosen ruby as her colour theme.

Martlesham Heath W.I. were warmly thanked for their hospitality and for the delicious refreshments provided.

The next meeting on Friday 18th November will be the Annual Meeting and the competition will be

"A Holiday Postcard".

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH W.I.**

President Kay Hall welcomed four visitors to our October meeting. Compliments flowed from other W.I.s who had attended The Group Meeting organized by our W.I. Kay thanked all who helped in any way - the food came in for special mention.

Business over, we were introduced to Mrs Sexton speaking on the subject of Fair Trade. We all eat foods not able to be grown in this country and to ensure the workers producing these foods are not exploited by the big boys the Fair Trade Foundation came into being about 25 years ago. The National Federation of W.I.s belongs to this. Bananas were quoted as an example, most bananas for this country

come from the Caribbean but America tried to swamp the world market by tearing out rain forests and using massive amounts of chemical fertilizers to improve the soil. The Foundation saw what was happening and formed the farmers into Co-operatives who were then paid a fair price and premiums which benefited all the community. Much the same has happened with tea, coffee and cocoa. Coffee in South America is a huge business with very few Fair Trade operators, with the prices being mainly controlled by four companies. We were told drug barons are also involved, paying the farmers to plant cannabis between the coffee bushes. There was a mouthwatering display of foods for members to buy. What an interesting and enthusiastic speaker.

The November meeting is the A.G.M., also our 25th birthday so that should tempt you. See you in the Pavilion on Monday 14th November 7:45 pm.

Jean Penny 01473 626627

### **MARTLESHAM LADIES CLUB**

Well we are well into the Autumn programme, meeting every other Thursday in the **Richards Rooms at 7:30 pm** with tea/coffee and biscuits, plus a raffle and more at each meeting.

Details for the remaining part of the year are:

\*10.11 - Martlesham Community

Responders

\*24.11 - Talk and slides (speaker: Miss Jewell)

\*08.12 - Christmas Party

If you are interested in coming along to one of our meetings, please contact me on **01394 380393**.

Margaret Green

### **THE MOTHERS' UNION**

I write this having just returned from a three day conference at Swanwick. The conference was based on Action and Outreach, which is one of the main purposes of the Mothers' Union. Mary Sumner, our founder, said that her aim was to touch as many lives as possible. Today we are involved with many areas in the world and the need seems to be ever increasing. This week we have heard of pending hunger and more hardship in Malawi. The Mother's Union Literacy and Development Programme has been running very successfully in Malawi since the year 2000. In July of this year Barbara Lawes and Naomi Herbert from Mary Sumner House were able to observe the programme in operation. In each literacy circle they were able to see women, who only a few months earlier had never held a pen, walk confidently to the board and write a word or put the answer to a sum.

Why not come to the next meeting of the Mothers' Union on Wednesday 2nd November at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Church Centre. The speaker will be Miss Elizabeth Moore with Advent to Epiphany in Pictures.

The branch leader is the Revd. Elizabeth Corker.

Last month the speaker was Julia Dessaur, the Community Safety Project Officer, who talked us through "Making Women Feel Safer". A question and answer session completed the afternoon.

A thought...reflect upon your present blessings, of which every person has man...not on your past misfortunes of which all people have some...

God Bless, Monica Twaits

**The Mothers' Union  
are having a  
GRAND BEETLE DRIVE  
and SUPPER  
at St Michael's Church Centre  
on **Saturday 19th November**  
at **7:00 pm****

Bring your own drinks  
£5 including supper  
**FUN AND FROLICS FOR ALL**  
FOR TICKETS PHONE  
**01473 623194**

### **CALLING ALL MUMS...**

The next meeting of the Mums' Club will be held at St Michael's Church Centre on Tuesday 1st November from 12:45 to 2:30 pm. After lunch, Eunice Mayhew, who runs the Hands On Cookery School for Children, will demonstrate 'Real Food for Young Tums'. All mums with babies and toddlers will be most welcome.

For more details please 'phone Sue on 01473 624130 or Kay on 01473 626169.

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

There are a few dates for the diary this month. Phoenix Trading is visiting on the 2nd November (afternoon session) and 18th November (morning session), if you'd like to purchase any cards or gift-wrap and much more for Christmas!!

The photographer is visiting on Friday 11th November in the afternoon. Non-members are welcome along with brothers and sisters. More information is available at the sessions. If you'd like photos in time for Christmas, here is your chance! There will be a normal toddler session in the morning but no session in the afternoon.

With the wintry weather approaching. Just a reminder that our policy is that if Birchwood School closes due to bad weather, we will close too. If Birchwood School is open, so are we! Birchwood is listed on the school closures on Radio Suffolk's Snowline service.

If you'd like to visit one of the sessions we meet on a Wednesday and Friday in the Martlesham

Pavilion from 9:30 am until 11:30 am and 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. The first session is free. There is an activity table, music session and refreshments. We also have lots of toys! We welcome babies as well as toddlers. If you're a parent, grandparent, or childminder please pop along for a visit...

If you require any further information please contact me on 01473 611958.

Joanne Warren

### **MARTLESHAM PLAYSCHOOL**

The children are enjoying a half-term filled with activities and crafts on the topic of 'Shapes and Colours'.

We have recently held our AGM and said thank you and goodbye to some of our committee members and welcomed a new committee.

We welcome any mums of young babies to put their child's name down on our waiting list. We do not have any spaces available at present but should you wish your child to come to Martlesham Playschool in the future, adding them to the waiting list now would be advisable to avoid disappointment.

Visitors are always welcome to come and see us. If you would like more information about the playgroup please contact Nikki Smith, our bookings secretary, on 01473 614055 or visit our website at [www.controltower.org.uk](http://www.controltower.org.uk)

We hope you all enjoyed your half-term holiday.

Louisa Smith, Secretary

### **THREE BEARS PLAYGROUP**

We have just completed our topic on 'Food', during which the children prepared for Teddy's 4th birthday by writing shopping lists for his party, making mini birthday cakes and preparing a range of party foods for his celebration. We finished with food from Nursery Rhymes such as Little Miss Muffet eating her curds and whey and the Queen of Hearts who made some tarts. The children will be learning about other Nursery Rhymes and their characters as our topic for the second half-term.

We will be holding a

Christmas Fayre on Saturday 12th November from 2 to 4 pm in the Hall at Cedarwood Primary School, Wilkinson Drive, Kesgrave. Stalls will include Phoenix Cards, Usborne Books, Orchard Toys, Avon, Chocolates, tombola, white elephant, cakes, refreshments and many more. This will be an ideal time to do some Christmas shopping. Entrance will be 50p with children free. All proceeds will go to Playgroup. Please come along and support our Fayre.

If you wish to receive a copy of our Prospectus and Registration Form, or require further details about our Playgroup, please contact me on 01473 635944. Elizabeth Leonard, Chairperson

### **ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL** **Martlesham Heath**

The theme for this term is Autumn and Christmas. Roleplay will include igloos and winter dressing. Activities will include making a leaf mobile, bread hedgehogs, also snowflake pictures and cotton wool snowmen.

We are having a LADIES PAMPER AND CRAFT EVENING on Thursday 3rd November at 7:30 pm. Advance tickets are available from St Michaels Pre-School or can be purchased on the night. Admission is £1.50.

For the last three years we have supported 'Operation Christmas Child' which is a project run by the Samaritan's Purse Charity. We are happy to be part of this event again and are now busy collecting shoeboxes for the children to fill and send off.

We are planning our Christmas party for the children, which will be held on the 19th December. More details will follow.

Thank you to Sue Foulger at Duncan's Bakery for re-icing our pre-school's pretend Birthday Cake, used to celebrate all the children's birthdays.

The pre-school committee are in urgent need of a CHAIRPERSON. You do not have to have a child at the pre-school to be a member. If you are interested and would like to get involved with running the pre-school please contact Dawn Harris on 01473 614417.

We currently have spaces available for children from 2 ½ years old. If you are interested in sending your child to our pre-school and would like more information, contact our Booking Secretary Louise Vincent on 07875602129.

Nicola Buck

### **GORSELAND SCHOOL P.F.A.**

The new extension and Nursery is nearing completion and it is hoped that the Key Stage 1 classes will be moving in to it in early December. Work will then begin in earnest on the hall which will be enlarged and have its roof removed to allow it to be heightened.

Our Children's Disco for years 3-6 was very well attended and raised over £430 and our Spring Bulb campaign earned us around £165. We also hope to run the Summer Bulb campaign and catalogues will be available early in the new year.

Finally, we will be holding a Fayre on Friday 25th November in the School Hall from 6 to 8 pm. There will be various stalls including Body Shop, Phoenix Cards, etc., refreshments and a raffle. Thank you, Elizabeth Leonard

### **MARTLESHAM BEACON HILL** **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**New School Building "Up and Running"**

The new classroom and offices along with the new entrance to the school is now open for business. Having to wait for an extra week before everything was fully functional, the staff and children are now enjoying the new surroundings and the extra space it has provided.

The official opening coincided with the school's Summer Fair which proved to be one of Beacon Hill's more successful community enterprises. People from all over the village attended and former pupils too who were interested in seeing the building in which they had just missed out! Keeping to a child centred event, the building was opened by "Bluey" the Ipswich Town official mascot. Local residents were invited on a sight seeing tour of the new

premises and a great day was enjoyed by all. The parents association are delighted to have raised £1,400, which will go to buying recreational equipment for the children.

Now that the term is well underway, things are gradually getting back to normal. The Harvest Festival service has been held and was led by Rev Ian Naylor from Kesgrave. Gifts by the plenty were stacked on the tables and later distributed to the Salvation Army for the homeless people. The new staffing structure in the school has settled in and we welcomed our newest member of staff, Miss Turner, who has moved here from North Wales.

Our next set of preparations will be for Christmas...and that is not too far away!

We are looking for a **mid-day supervisor**, the hours of duty being 11:55 am to 1:25 pm each week day. Please call the school on 01473 624409 for more information, hourly rate details and an application form.

A J Murray, Headteacher

### **MARTLESHAM WIVES GROUP**

Next meeting:  
Monday 14th November 8:15 pm  
**"Body Language"**  
Talk by Prue Denton.  
Venue: Sue Hooper's - 3 Netherwood Court, 01473 626457  
Phone Jenny (01473 626253) for details.

### **MARTLESHAM HISTORICAL** **SOCIETY**

The October meeting was well attended and the audience included some visitors to hear a very informative talk entitled "Horation - Viscount Nelson". The speaker was Mr Leslie Cole of the Norfolk Nelson Museum in Gt Yarmouth. The speaker covered much of Nelson's private life as well as his many sea battles, culminating in Trafalgar.

Our next meeting will be held in The Pavilion on Monday December 19th when Mr Paddy Heazell will speak of "Bombs, Beams and Boffins", the story of the Military uses of Orfordness.

Due to the increasing costs involved, the AGM approved an

increase in the charge of admission to £1.50 which will come into effect at the December meeting.

John Tyler 01473 612736

### **MARTLESHAM HEATH AVIATION SOCIETY**

Our meeting on Friday 7th October was very well attended.

Anne Grimshaw came all the way from Hertfordshire to tell us of her researches into the fate of a Lancaster which crashed in France on the night of 26-27th April 1944. It was from 619 squadron of 5 Group and was one of a very large force of RAF bombers to raid Germany that night. Anne has written a book about it but as yet it has found no publisher. The talk was illustrated by several pictures. A vote of thanks for a most interesting evening was given by Gordon Kinsey.

Our Open Day took place on Sunday 11th September and we were very pleased with the number of folk who gave us a look. We are grateful once again to Martlesham Brass for their music. Thanks also to Ipswich Marching Band. Colin Whitmore kindly supplied a display of vintage cars and Andrew Moore was able to round up some military vehicles.

Our annual Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 13th November at 3 pm on the Barrack Square. Each year we seem to gather a few more locals and we look forward to seeing many more this year. It's important, folks!

Our next meeting will be held as usual in the Community Hall and the speaker will be Mr Jock Whitehouse, who will give an illustrated talk about East Anglian Air Shows of the 50's and 60's. Starts 7:30 pm on Friday 4th November. Visitors are welcome for £2 at the door.

Alan Powell

### **MISSING CAT**

Have you seen Felix?

Felix is a small, smooth coated, mainly black cat but with quite distinctive white parts. He has white front paws, white back legs, a white bib and a blob of white on the side of his nose; he is quite nervous. He came to live at Parkers Place, Martlesham Heath recently

and had settled in well but then failed to come home one morning.

Please call 01473 626329 if you have any information.

### **PORTAL AVENUE WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT/ CONSERVATION GROUP**

The Woodland was nominated as the best conservation project from the area for this year's Anglia in Bloom competition. Unfortunately we were pipped at the post by the Sudbury water meadows but received a special award and the Judges report was as follows: "The Portal Avenue Woodlands Project is a project to be extremely proud of. The Judges were very impressed with the amount of work and ongoing studies and improvements and the amount of educational benefits this fine project provides for all people of Martlesham. Well done."

The Committee would like to widen the area mentioned by the Judges to include Kesgrave and other adjoining areas, and thanks all volunteers from everywhere for their help in achieving this.

We have now gone firm on a book sale in the Parish Rooms between 10 am and 4 pm on 10th December to raise funds to equip a Nature Watch group of 5-12 year olds (plus parents). If anyone has books or videos surplus to requirements that we could sell in a good cause, we would be grateful if you could contact any Committee member. Notices will be going up on Parish notice boards.

Our next workday is Sunday 14th November, meeting at 10 am at the Force HQ Sports field gate on the perimeter track near to Portal Avenue, and as always all volunteers are welcome.

Contacts: Chairman - Duncan Sweeting 01473 622859, Secretary - Peter Izzard 01473 611291, Martlesham Parish Council 01473 612632

### **MARTLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP**

November is a good month to investigate galls and fungi, particularly before the first frosts. Look out for

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**DARIN DANCE**

brown round galls and knobbly green galls on the oaks known as marble galls and knopper galls respectively. The rose or bedeguar gall is a rather attractive mossy outgrowth of red wiry fibres on the stems.

Striking fungi to look out for are the Parasol and Fly Agaric.

Our AGM takes place on Monday 7th November at 7:45 pm in the Pavilion, Martlesham Heath. We will be reviewing our activities for the year, presenting the results of our wildlife surveys, presenting our accounts and electing the committee, and having a few refreshments with a few slides to follow. Please come along and support us. Everyone is welcome.

Our last work party took place in the very pleasant October sunshine. We cleared more gorse to reveal more heather and encourage it to grow on a patch that we had worked on the previous autumn. Thanks to all those who came along. We intend to continue at our next work party on Sunday 13th November and aim to extend the patch and link it up better with an area of recently burnt heather. Please meet outside the Douglas Bader at 10 am or give me a call to find out exactly where we will be working. Everyone is welcome, no previous experience is necessary, all tools and equipment will be provided. Please come along and help our local wildlife.

Phil Smith 01473 625630 and Steve Goddard - [steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:steve@goddard98.freeserve.co.uk)

### **SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

Many thanks to all those who supported our Street Collection on Saturday 15th October in the centre of Woodbridge. We had a glorious morning and it was good to speak with so many appreciative of our work.

Our next indoor meeting of the autumn will be on Thursday 24th November at 7:30 pm in the Woodbridge Community Hall when Mike Toms of the BTO will be telling us about the results of the BTO Garden Birdwatch.

Admission is still only £1.50  
Phil Smith 01473 625630

## **MARTLESHAM BRASS**

Our Preliminary Band host their very own event - Tea and Tunes - on November 5th at St Michaels Church in Martlesham, starting at 10 am. Refreshments will be available.

We will then be playing at Remembrance Day Parades and Services in Woodbridge and Martlesham on Sunday 13th November.

Our Christmas events begin with the Aldeburgh Christmas Lights day on Saturday 26th November, and on the same day the Preliminary Band are playing at the Co-Op on Carr Street in Ipswich. The Intermediate Band host their own event with Coffee and Carols on Saturday 3rd December at St Michaels Church in Martlesham, starting 10 am.

After these events the Band will be seen performing Carols out and about all throughout December at Supermarkets in Martlesham, Kesgrave and Ipswich. For the first time this year we are also playing three Sundays at Felixstowe Market.

We are holding our annual Christmas Concert on Saturday 17th December at Kesgrave High School and it will begin at 7 pm, although we would suggest arriving a bit early. There will be refreshments available and a raffle.

As normal this year Martlesham Brass will be donating a percentage of all money raised during the Christmas period to some of our favourite charities.

Martlesham Brass are always open to all Brass players wishing to play in a good fun environment. For all information about the Band and its upcoming events, etc., please refer to <http://www.martleshambrass.co.uk> or give Matthew Ellis a call on 01728 830009 or 07813 760499.

## **MARTLESHAM BOWLS CLUB**

Thanks to our greenkeeper Brian letting us have an extra week's bowling this year, all the outstanding league games have now been played. The weather was as good high as summer. Lads and Lassies will be played at Potters.

This year's Dinner and Prize Presentation was held at Ipswich

Indoor Bowling Club, and was a great success. Our Chairman made a short speech. Among other points he made, he thanked the ladies, not forgetting the recent recruits Josie and Christine, who successfully handle the catering on all occasions thought out the year.

## **AWARDS**

Frost Drive Cup - Linda Brown  
Jubilee Shield Drive - George Golding

Coronation Drive - Mary Marsh  
Keen Pairs - Linda Brown & Russell Aldis

Thurlow Cup - Patrica Rous, Mary Marsh & Tony Cooper

George Rous Trophy—Ernie Brooks & Steve Danby

## **Ladies' Singles**

Jack Harvey Cup - Mary Marsh  
Doughty Cup - Linda Brown

## **Mens' Singles**

Stearn Bowl - Brian Davey  
Stewart & Patterson Cup - Tony Cooper

The raffle was next, with a good display of bottles and a few non-bottles as prizes. Then we had the services of a "professional" auctioneer, one Peter Walker, who won so many prizes he auctioned some of them for the benefit of the club. Lord Snowdon was unable to be with us, so he sent his senior man, George Gould, who handled the assignment with wit and skill.

Any further information can be had from our secretary Linda, who can be reached on 01394 384698.

Jack Cot

## **MARTLESHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

Our friendly away match against Harkstead on the 13th September was a loss by us of 4-6. A much better result of a friendly away match the next day, against the United Reform Church Felixtowe, in winning 8-2.

Once again Judith Longman organised a Drive Evening for 22 people on the 16th September, the first prize being won by a visitor with June Lovett coming second. Please put your names down for future Drives as soon as possible.

Our first match, played at

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home, for the Joe Rice Cup against Hoggards Green on 20th September was a satisfactory win of 6-2. Unfortunately, the reverse score was the result of our return match on 4th October but Hoggards Green won the match on shots – which means we are out of the Joe Rice Cup competition.

We lost the first winter league match away at Tithe Barn by 2-8. So not a good start!

However, we fared much better at home playing against Tuddenham with a 10-0 win. So it can be done!

Details on joining our carpet bowls club, held at the Community Hall on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and Tuesday evenings, can be obtained by 'phoning Shirley on 01473 721606 or Doug on 01473 622341 – so why not give us a try?

Our stalwart member Noreen Goodchild is at present unwell so we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back with us very soon.

Please note the next committee meeting will be held on 21st November at 7:30 pm.

Chris Chamberlain

## **THE MOB**

A new season is now under way and the team has not fared very well so far.

Actually we have lost three games, two in the league and one cup game.

While it's not the best start to the season and certainly not one we wanted, the lads are not completely down and out. For those three games we haven't managed to put out the same team twice yet, and when we do get that bit of consistency I am sure the results will turn around and we will get back to winning ways. We always knew that the step up to Div 1 would be a test but I am sure the team will rise to it.

While I am here, many thanks to all of you that supported our well-hidden stand on Village Day. You helped us raise money that will be put to good use over the year, buying footballs and odds and ends that all football teams need.

Next time I hope I can bring

better tidings of games won, so until then...

### **VILLAGE VIEWS**

**The chance for you to write in and have your say...**

#### **PLEASE CONSIDER MARTLESHAM OLD VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

In response to Gordon Hathaway's letter regarding the road markings on Felixstowe Road, they have been put there as an experiment to try to deter motorists from using the road as a rat run.

When the A12 Martlesham by-pass was built it was meant to take traffic out of the old village, i.e. Felixstowe Road, Main Road and Top Street, but we now have as many as 10,000 cars a day, most of which are through traffic, deliberately leaving the A12 at the BT and Tesco roundabouts, cutting through the village and out onto the A12 at the Seckford roundabout. Clearly this is unacceptable to Martlesham residents.

We understand from the highways department that, if traffic is not reduced, the next step will be to make the road one way. We would like to see it closed to all through traffic just as the other end from BT to the Newbourne Road was closed when the by-pass was built.

So the message to Martlesham Heath residents and other motorists is, please consider Martlesham old village residents, think how you would feel if thousands of cars a day took a short cut down your road. Please make a conscious effort to use the A12 by-pass and, in future, resist the temptation to rat-run through the old village.

Mrs Judy Leonard

#### **FELIXSTOWE ROAD**

Gordon Hathaway is a man after my own heart. His letter on the tomfoolery on Felixstowe Road cannot be bettered. As I write this, the cycle lanes have been there for weeks yet the junction at Anson Road is still shrouded in darkness.

The new and essential street

lights may look pretty but are not the only thing that isn't switched on. And yes, the weeds on one of the new islands deserve a prize.

As the cause of this unsafe layout was said to be too many too fast cars endangering vast numbers of cyclists and pedestrians, I went along one sunny morning, Monday 3rd October to be exact, and counted them between 08:11 and 09:11. I counted 214 cars and 15 cyclists towards Anson Road, 87 cars and 3 cyclists towards Crown Point and 3 pedestrians. I reckon that the capacity of that road is 1,200 cars in both directions. For anybody interested in figures, something so far kept top secret, the road at rush hour is operating at only 25% of capacity and on average there is one cyclist every 4 minutes towards BT. Nothing to get excited about and certainly nothing to justify endangering lives.

Will those obsessed with phantom cyclists and pedestrians please leave us alone and let's have a guiding centre line reinstated. The idea of making it a one-way street should equally be knocked on the head.

Frank Bright

#### **MARTLESHAM ART GROUP**

**Martlesham Art Group** is a long-running group of artists, with varying levels of experience, working in a variety of media. Every Wednesday morning, from 9:45 am until 12:15 pm, we meet to paint in St Michael's Church Extension. There is no formal tuition, but advice is always on hand from other group members. We also organise an annual summer exhibition and sale of members' work. The Group now has some vacant places, so if you are interested in joining us, please contact either Diane Willstead (01473 659257) or Ann Faiers (01394 277699).

#### **SRI LANKA OUTREACH 2005**

Many thanks to all of you who contributed items for us to take as gifts to Sri Lanka in September

We had a very interesting time painting at a number of orphanages and visiting various

projects helping victims of the Tsunami and the Civil War.

The gifts were distributed to various establishments and were enthusiastically received. The money collected will be spent on the ongoing building works.

Once again thank you for your donations.

Maureen and John Dalley

#### **NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY**

##### **Local Group**

Our next event will be the ever popular OSTEOPOROSIS: ANY QUESTIONS? at St Augustine's Church Hall, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, on Friday 11th November from 1:45 to 4:15 pm.

Taking questions will be Rheumatology Consultant, Dr Gavin Clunie, and Nurse, Sonya Stephenson, who will also update us on the latest developments in the osteoporosis field. We can promise you an interesting and informative afternoon.

#### **ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE'S 16TH BIRTHDAY**

St Elizabeth Hospice's Anniversary Christmas Coffee Morning takes place on Saturday 5th November in St John's Church Hall, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich. Doors open from 9:30 am - 11:30 am, so why not get some Christmas shopping done early at the many stalls such as plants, crafts, cakes, Christmas gifts, Christmas merchandise, books and toys? Alternatively, just pop down and have a cuppa to celebrate your Hospice's 16th Birthday. We hope that you can join in the celebrations!

#### **HOLY FAMILY & ST MICHAEL**

Holy Family & Saint Michael on the main A1214 is the Catholic Chapel serving Martlesham and Kesgrave. It is part of the parish of Saint Mary in Ipswich.

We welcome Father Michael Hazell to the parish, as a replacement for Father Bernard, the previous priest who was resident in Kesgrave.

Events in November are scheduled to include a continuation



of the series of talks for those who want to discover more about their Christian faith and for adults considering becoming members of the Catholic Church.

If you would like to be kept informed of services and activities ask to receive a regular copy of the weekly parish newsletter and monthly parish magazine by telephoning the Presbytery on 01473 728115

Regular 'Sunday' Masses at the Holy Family are celebrated at 6 pm on Saturdays and 9:15 am on Sundays. Weekday masses are normally on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am and at 9:15 am on Mondays.

### **BRIGHTWELL CHURCH**

Where has the last 70 years gone! We are looking forward to an anniversary evening to mark the 70th Anniversary of the opening of the the Brightwell Clubroom, to be held in the Room, now grandly titled the Church Hall. All parishioners are invited to a traditional 1935 supper followed by light-hearted entertainment. Special invitations will be delivered to each home in the village. Looking toward December, Ian will hoping to stage a nativity play in the Church Hall on 10th December, but more detail next month. What a surprise to feature in Peggy Cole's slot in the EADT on 3rd October, where her comments on our Flower Festival and Church were very complimentary. Old cookery saying from 1935- salt is the stuff that makes the taters taste nasty when you don't put it in. (Sidney Grapes) Geoff Lambert, PCC Secretary

### **ST MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR**

Do you enjoy singing ? We are anxious to have some new voices, all ages, male or female, to join us at 11 am on Sunday mornings, even occasionally. We will soon be preparing for our Christmas Carol Service. Please give this appeal some thought. For further details please ring Margaret Cotton on 01394 387765.

### **BRIGHT STARS**

Our services this month are on **Mon-**

**day 14th and Monday 28th November.** On the 14th we will be learning some more about Moses, and on the 28th we will be celebrating Advent.

Bright Stars is a short service designed to make children's worship fun and exciting. We welcome all pre-school children and their carers to our services which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, during term time. We meet at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church Centre. There is a chance to meet for refreshments and a chat after the service, which lasts about half an hour.

For more details please call Pauline (01473 625061) or Liz (01473 625617).

### **MARTLESHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Black Tiles Lane**

November is the month for remembering! All Saints, Guy Fawkes, Armistice Day, all encourage us to look back and learn from the past, embracing the good and avoiding repeats of the bad. In our personal lives though, there are often things we would much rather forget and it is very comforting to know that God has promised not to remember the sinful things we have done. Through Jesus Christ everyone may have a fresh start with the slate wiped clean. If you would like to discover more about this, why not join us at some of our services or activities this month?

#### **NEW ACTIVITY**

**FRIENDS ON FRIDAY** - starting 11th November. **Every Friday, 10 am - 12 noon, coffee and chat, especially for those in "the third age"**.

#### **Sunday services**

10 am - Family Worship with Sunspot/Respect Group for young people

11:45 am - Communion

**Sunday 27th** 10 am - Family Service with combined Communion

#### **Weekday activities**

**TUESDAY CIRCLE:** 8th November, 2 pm - "Crafts for Christmas"

**HOUSEGROUPS** for prayer, Bible study and fellowship take place weekly on Tuesday and

Wednesday evenings.

**TODDLER GROUP** - 10 am every Thursday.

**YOUTH GROUP** - 7 pm every Thursday.

**MUNCH BUNCH: 6:30 pm Sundays** - a chance for the 14+ age group to explore the Christian faith and its relevance to their lives.

You can find out more details about what we believe and our monthly programme in various ways:

\* Visit us at a service or activity

\* Visit the website at [www.m-c-f.org](http://www.m-c-f.org)

\* Telephone Julia Faulkner on 01473 625482 or John Mellen on 01473 624401

### **THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PARISH CHURCH**

#### **Healing and wholeness day**

On Saturday 15th October, St Michael's Church hosted a Diocesan event, 'A Time To Heal'. This was a day of celebration, a worship of God, and workshops all on the theme of Healing, Wholeness and Reconciliation.

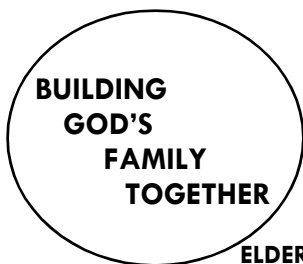
The Christian Church has a healing ministry, we believe in a healing God, a God who restores wholeness and brings reconciliation. All this is supremely seen in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A keynote speaker for the day was Beatrice Brandon, Conventor of the Church of England's Healing Ministry Support Group. We had people from this area tell of how God had healed them physically. For one man particularly this day was a life-changing event, as God touched his life and healed him emotionally and spiritually. God not only did this but also has begun the process of knitting together broken relationships in his life that he thought were irretrievable.

One person, whose brother is dying of cancer, commented, 'I had been praying for my brother who has cancer, I now feel free to pray for my brother'. If you would like us to pray for you, for someone close to you, or with you, please let us know.

Revd. Ian Naylor

## THE CHURCH IN MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL



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Services for the Month	Brightwell St. John's	Martlesham St. Mary's	Martlesham Heath St. Michael's
Sunday 6th November 3rd before Advent	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday	6:30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 10:50am Remembrance Day Service	9:45am Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 20th November Christ the King	8am Holy Communion	11am Family Holy Communion	9:45am Worship & Sunday School 6:30pm Informal Worship
Sunday 27th November Advent 1	3pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion 11am Matins	9:45am Family Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 4th December Advent 2	8am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion BCP	9:45am All Age Worship 6:30pm Informal Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in St Michael's Church Centre. Bright Stars will meet on Monday 14th November and Monday 28th November at 10:30am in St Michael's Church Centre. Mums' Club will meet on Tuesday 1st November at 12:45pm to 2:30pm in St Michael's Church Centre. All mums with their babies and toddlers welcome. A warm welcome awaits you at all the above services.

### PRAYER DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Pray daily for world peace, for the church, our parishes, and:

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| <p>7 for all disabled people<br/>8 for those sick in hospital<br/>9 for the sick in their own homes<br/>10 for the residents of Jackson Court<br/>11 for all gardeners and horticulturalists<br/>12 for all playing in a sport today<br/><b>13</b> remember those who gave their lives for our freedom<br/>14 for the Mission to Seafarers<br/>15 for all persecuted Christians<br/>16 for residents of Lancaster Drive<br/>17 for the continuation of God's grace<br/>18 for all things and bright and beautiful<br/>19 for a just and compassionate Nation<br/><b>20</b> give thanks for God's gift of a Saviour<br/>21 for peace and justice during prisons week<br/>22 for all office and clerical workers<br/>23 for residents of Lark Rise<br/>24 for all children and grandchildren<br/>25 for the International day for the elimination of violence<br/>26 for all parents and godparents<br/><b>27</b> prepare for Christ's coming this Advent Sunday</p> | <p>28 for all family members living away from home<br/>29 for Spiritual growth<br/>30 for the residents of Lugano Avenue<br/>31 for peace in our world<br/><b>DEC 1</b> for the victims of domestic violence<br/>2 for all hospital employees<br/>3 give thanks for the living word<br/><b>4</b> give thanks for God's gift of healing<br/>5 may we love one another as God loves us<br/>6 for victims of natural disasters<br/>7 for the residents of Main Road</p> |
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